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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Iran: The combination of Soviet advances to Tehran and the Shah's continuing dissatisfaction with the extent of American aid and support, especially in the military field, is posing a threat to the United States position in Iran, according to Ambassador Wailes. The ambassador fears that the Shah, in an effort to regain lost prestige, has "opened doors which may be difficult to close" and which can lead to a weakening of Iran's internal stability. Meanwhile, the new, nonpartisan cabinet of Prime Minister Sharif Emami "certainly seems no better than the last." [REDACTED]



Laos: General Phoumi is bitter over the course of events in Laos and appears to be considering military action of some kind against the newly invested Souvanna Phouma government. Phoumi [REDACTED] made threats at his headquarters in Savannakhet on 2 September to divide Laos in two. According to Phoumi, his compromise settlement with Souvanna Phouma was only to gain time, and if he returned to Vientiane, he would have no choice but to "uphold Souvanna Phouma's policy of making Laos red." [REDACTED]

*The clandestine Pathet Lao radio, meanwhile, has responded to Souvanna Phouma's proposal to negotiate, stating that although the Pathet Lao movement welcomes this proposal, it demands the

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immediate removal of the "Phoumi clique" from the government and an immediate halt to the civil war. [REDACTED]

III. THE WEST

Venezuela-Cuba: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fabricio Ojeda, a leftist Venezuelan political leader who has spent considerable time in Cuba since late 1959, is planning a coup attempt in Venezuela with the support of Cuban officials. The move may be timed to exploit the current pro-Castro agitation in Venezuela following the recent OAS foreign ministers' meeting. Venezuela has more private US investment than any other Latin American country, and is currently a target of Castro's anti-US revolutionary program in the area. [REDACTED]

Dominican Republic: General "Ramfis" Trujillo, the Dominican dictator's son who is now in Europe, has almost certainly established contacts with the Soviet bloc. Anti-US, pro-Cuban, and pro-Soviet tirades are being continued in the government-controlled Dominican press and radiobroadcasts. An extensive propaganda campaign has been preparing the public for the dictator's resumption of the Presidency. The US Consulate in Ciudad Trujillo fears the Dominican leader will kill many dissidents who belong to a coalition led by pro-US moderates. [REDACTED]

*El Salvador: Unless President Lemus takes forceful measures against an antigovernment demonstration scheduled for 5 September, the army may intervene and replace him with a man of its own choosing. Antigovernment agitation, led by Pro-Communist and pro-Castro students and labor elements has been increasing in frequency and violence since early last month. The National Civil Orientation Front, a loosely knit organization composed of opposition groups--most are Communist-controlled--reportedly is planning to coordinate actions with the student protest movement. However, some non-Communist elements, including a group led by ex-President Osorio, may be attempting to use the student agitation to regain power. [REDACTED]

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